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COMMAND

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

REF: SEOUL 7277

1. I STRONGLY CONCUR IN YOUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY
DESIRABLE FOR HAROLD BROWN TO REPRESENT THE US AT THE
CEREMONY INAUGURATING THE COMBINED FORCES COMMAND, AND WE
WILL URGE HIM TO DO SO. NOT ONLY WOULD BROWN'S PARTICIPA-
TION IN THE CEREMONY MAXIMIZE ITS PUBLIC RELATIONS
VALUE, IT WOULD ALSO SERVE TO FIRM UP HIS KOREA TRIP,
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS STILL TENTATIVE.

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2. WITH REGARD TO THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL BLESSING
TO PROCEED WITH THE ACTIVATION OF THE CFC, WE HAVE BEEN
FRUSTRATED BY OUR INABILITY TO GET A DEFINITIVE LEGAL
OPINION. NEITHER WE NOR L/EA EXPECT ANY ULTIMATE DIF-
FICULTY, BUT WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED DELAYS. WE THINK WE HAVE
SURMOUNTED THEM AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT TO YOU SOON.

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